



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015 6:00 PM  
CARENCRO CITY HALL  
210 E. ST. PETER ST.  
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember J. L. Richard led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, the Mayor asked for a moment of silence for our military service personnel and their families who have served and for those who continue to serve our country defending our freedoms. He also asked to remember Maureen Guidry's husband who recently underwent surgery.

Attendance: Councilmembers Antoine Babineaux, L. J. Boudreaux, Kim Guidry,  
J. L. Richard, and Alfred Sinegal

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Ms. Rachelle Falgout, a candidate for Lafayette Parish Tax Assessor. [The agenda listed in error, Ms. Renee Falgout as the candidate.] Ms. Rachelle Falgout commented on her candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux presented two upcoming events: 1) Saturday, October 31 is the last Farmers' Market for the year; open from 3 pm to 6 pm in lot behind city hall with a Fall Fest Theme including a costume contest at 4:30; 2) Veterans Day, November 11 at 10 am, the city will host a Veterans Day Tribute to our veterans at the Carencro Veterans Memorial site in front of city hall. The public is welcomed.

Upon request by Mayor Brasseaux, Councilmember Babineaux motioned to add to the agenda under I/J 3, a resolution for the St. Anne Drainage Improvements; Councilmember Guidry seconded; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux introduced our guest, the Carencro representative from LEDA, Brett Mellington. Kevin Naquin, LCG Councilman, had a conflict in his schedule and could not attend the council meeting.

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on September 21, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the public budget hearing on October 12, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments concerning the departments' monthly reports; there were none. Fire Chief Don Chauvin was not able to attend this meeting. Mayor Brasseaux did recognize the fire department on the improvements in response time by the Carencro Volunteer Fire Department and the increased average number of responders to a fire event, as well as, their increased attendance in training sessions.

Mayor Brasseaux also recognized PARC for their continued involvement with the Special Olympics held annually in October at Pelican Park.

#### UPDATES:

City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public regarding:

**New Sewer Treatment Plant-USDA update:** The next step in receiving funding for the new treatment plant is to go to the state legislature to request approval to go to the voters requesting an increase in sales tax percentage. The increase in sales tax would help fund the monthly payments of approximately \$85,000.

**Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project:** The contract has been awarded to Merrick Construction, LLC and work is scheduled to begin this week.

**St. Anne Drainage Project:** Bids were opened on September 30, 2015. After the last servitude is in place, a resolution is on tonight's agenda authorizing Mayor to accept the low bid.

**St. Anne/Walter Drive Project:** The punch list and minor work is all that remains to finish this project.

**Gaston Coulee Project:** The bid opening was held on August 12, 2015, and was awarded to Garden City Construction. This project should begin on November 2.

**Carencro Indoor Recreation Complex:** Architect Lynn Guidry gave an update of the recreation center. Lynn has received some interest with bid opening the end of October.

Lynn also added the interior repairs to city hall are complete; and the "In God We Trust" was installed earlier today on the wall above the doors as you leave the council meeting room.

On the Carencro Veterans Memorial Lynn reported that the "Soldiers", the black granite pillars, were reinstalled. The benches, landscaping, and directory should all be installed before Veterans Day on November 11.

Andre Street Bridge: The Bridge has been removed and the side bank has been repaired. The proposed cost of approximately \$80,000 will be used to move the waterline. The bridge will remain closed for an extended period of time due to lack of funding to build a new bridge.

Railroad Street Bridge: Construction has begun on this project. This bridge will be closed for approximately six more months. Before the bridge can re-open the Railroad Street lift station will have to be rebuilt.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-035: A resolution of the Carencro City Council to allow the Fire and Police Civil Service board members (excluding the fire and police representative) to be a resident of the City of Carencro for not less than one year and to be a qualified voter of the area.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-035; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-036: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-017 which said ordinance effects expansion of the existing I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (“District”) by amending Ordinance No. 2009-008 which said ordinance created said district.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-036; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Added RESOLUTION 2015-037: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the low bid by Merrick Construction of \$285,543.50 for the St. Anne Drainage project.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-036; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

#### INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-015: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting an operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2016 and adopting an amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2014 and ending November 30, 2015.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-015; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-016: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council declaring the building or structure located at 1312 W. Gloria Switch Road, Carencro, Louisiana to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation and demolition of same.

City Manager Jay Castille has spoken to the lawyer representing the owner who said they are in the process of taking care of the repairs. However, Mr. Castille advised the lawyer that they had 60 days' notice to complete the process.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-016; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-017: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Ordinance No. 2009-008 in order to expand the boundaries and area of the existing I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-017; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-018: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement transferring PARC property to private individuals to cure encroachments onto public property, straighten the property line and to reduce and limit city liability.

Mayor Brasseaux commented that PARC has worked on this project for a number of years and is finally being completed.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-018; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

#### PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-012: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council declaring the building or structure located at 122, 126, and 134 Aimee Drive, Carencro, Louisiana to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation and demolition of same.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. Mayor Brasseaux after hearing comments from the principals involved, expressed his adverse opinion about absentee owners of property that: 1) have no ties to the City of Carencro; 2) do not know the deplorable condition of the properties they own; 3) ignore the city's attempts to get these blighted properties back into commerce; and 4) allow the condition of these properties to decline to such a state that no one would want to live near them.

After discussion between the city and the property owners, their lawyers, and their management company, Mayor Brasseaux asked the city attorney for advice on how to advance. Since there was a question on the legal owner of the property being properly noticed regarding this condemnation procedure, the city's attorney advised that the city begin the process again with proper notice given to the correct owner of the property and that the above Ordinance No. 2015-012 be tabled until such notice is given.

Upon recommendation by the city's attorney Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2015-012; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-013: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Ordinance No. 2014-023 in order to correct an error in the ordinance relating to subdivisions providing street lighting.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. The Mayor commented that clarification was needed to insure the developer put street lights in where needed. Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-013; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-014: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council declaring the building or structure located at 102 Ames Circle, Carencro, Louisiana to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation and demolition of same.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. Bonnie Anderson with city's planning department commented that the Baton Rouge office of the management company in Oklahoma had just received the notice of the condemnation. Bonnie had sent the original letter approximately four months ago. The management company's representative from the Baton Rouge office could not attend tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-014; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary plat approval of Woodland Trail, a single-family residential development located in Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. Developer: Pelican Ridge Investors, LLC c/o Robert Daigle.

Planning Administrator Bonnie Anderson gave a brief overview of her report. Teddy Beaulieu from Southern Lifestyle Developers asked for a waiver to build the fence as the houses are built, instead of installing a fence before houses are sold.

Corey Trahan who lives near the proposed new subdivision asked about the price per square foot of the new home. Mr. Beaulieu will get the answer for him.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve waiver to build the fence as the houses are built, instead of installing a fence before houses are sold; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve preliminary plat approval based on the recommendations of Planning Administrator Bonnie Anderson and with the fence waiver; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Final plat approval of Cenac Commercial Park Phase I, a commercial subdivision located in Section 94, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, Lafayette Parish, Carencro, Louisiana.

Bonnie Anderson reported that the walk through was scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 at 8 am. Pending completion of punch list items, Bonnie recommended final plat approval.

In response to Mayor Brasseaux's comments that the developer was not going to install street lights, Sarah Walker from CENAC commented that she misunderstood and did not think the lights needed to be installed on what she thought was a short stretch of road being that the commercial property was so well lit.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve final plat approval based on the recommendations of Planning Administrator Bonnie Anderson; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Before the discussions items Mayor Brasseaux apologized to those in attendance if he offended anyone for his comments but he felt what he said needed to be said.

#### DISCUSSIONS:

Carencro Lions Club members Joann Lee and Darlene Lee requesting permission to host the Carencro Children's Christmas Parade on December 5, 2015.

Councilmember Richard made a motion granting the Carencro Lions Club permission to host the Carencro Children's Christmas Parade on December 5, 2015 at 2 pm; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Park and Recreation (PARC) will have two board member positions expiring on December 1, 2015. These positions are appointed by the city council and the following board members are seeking reappointments: Tom Meyers and Tommy Fontenot.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to re-appoint Tom Meyers and Tommy Fontenot to continue serving as board members on the Park and Recreation Commission Board; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Property owner of 521 Walter Drive, Mr. William F Kortum III, has added landscaping in the right of way of the drainage ditches. After speaking with the Mayor and City Manager who told Mr. Kortum that the landscaping would have to be removed, Mr. Kortum requested to be put on the agenda to request that his landscaping remain. Mr. Kortum was not in attendance at the meeting. No action taken.

The Carencro Fire and Police Civil Service Board have a board member vacancy due to the resignation of Ms. Charlotte Clavier. Ms. Clavier resigned her position because she is a candidate in the upcoming election for the Lafayette Consolidated Government Council representing District 2.

Mayor Brasseaux asked the council to consider who they would like to nominate for the open vacancy.

Two citizens requested to be considered for this one appointment, Kenny Champagne and Kade Monlezun. Each candidate addressed the council. By casting ballots the council's nominee was Kenny Champagne. Mayor Brasseaux thanked both men for asking to be considered as volunteers are usually scarce. Mr. Monlezun will be remembered for future service possibilities.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for any public comments and asked Police Chief Stout to comment on Carencro ranking in the "Safest City" survey by ValuePenguin who analyzes the most recent FBI Crime Reports to determine the safest cities in Louisiana. Carencro was ranked #9 for cities under between 5,000 and 10,000 in population and #15 safest city overall in the State of Louisiana. Chief Stout is proud of the men and women who have worked extremely hard to improve the city's ranking with their goal to keep moving up in the ranks to become the safest city in Louisiana. Mayor Brasseaux asked Chief Stout to thank his department for all they do for the city.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice L Baque, LMMDC  
Assistant City Clerk  
City of Carencro